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## **COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

### **Withdrawal of Final Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change in National Environmental Policy Act Reviews**

**AGENCY:** Council on Environmental Quality.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is withdrawing its “Final Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change in National Environmental Policy Act Reviews,” for which a Notice of Availability was published on August 5, 2016. 81 FR 51866.

**DATES:** This withdrawal is effective [**INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE  
FEDERAL REGISTER**].

**ADDRESSES:** This Notice also will be made available on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) web site ([www.nepa.gov](http://www.nepa.gov)), specifically at <https://ceq.doe.gov/>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Enacted by Congress in 1969, NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., is this Nation’s basic charter for harmonizing our environmental, economic, and social goals, and is a cornerstone of the Nation’s efforts to protect the environment. As CEQ explained in its August 5, 2016, Notice of Availability, the withdrawn guidance was not a regulation. Pursuant to Executive Order 13783, “Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth,” signed on March 28, 2017, the guidance is being withdrawn for further consideration. The withdrawal of the guidance does not change any law, regulation, or other legally binding requirement. For more information on NEPA and Federal agency compliance with NEPA, please see <https://ceq.doe.gov/index.html>.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4332, 4342, 4344 and 40 CFR Parts 1500, 1501, 1502, 1503, 1505, 1506, 1507, and 1508)

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